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SUBJECT: ROGERS CONVERSATION WITH DUDLEY THOMPSON

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS MET FOR AN HOUR WITH
MINISTER OF STATE DUDLEY THOMPSON AT USUN SEPTEMBER 6.
HAVING JUST RETURNED FROM THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN
LIMA, HE WAS ANXIOUS TO GIVE ROGERS HIS IMPRESSIONS. HE
DESCRIBED THE LIMA MEETING AS A QUOTE SOBERING UNQUOTE
EXPERIENCE. AT THE OUTSET, THE ARAB COUNTRIES ACTIVELY
SOUGHT TO PUSH THROUGH ISSUES OF THEIR OWN LIKING, IN
ORDER TO MAKE UP FOR FAILURES AT KAMPALA. AFTER THE
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FIRST DAY OR SO, COUNTRIES FROM OTHER REGIONS WERE ABLE
TO HOLD THEIR OWN AND INFLUENCED THE COURSE OF THE MEET-
ING. THEN, THE PERUVIAN COUP HALTED EVERYTHING FOR 24
HOURS. ONCE THE OUTCOME OF THE COUP BECAME CLEAR, THE

CONFERENCE RESUMED. BY THEN, MANY OF THE HEADS OF DELEGATION HAD LEFT. THE FINAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENT ACTUALLY WAS NOT APPROVED BY MANY DELEGATIONS.

2. IN LIMA, THE BELIZE QUESTION WAS DISCUSSED. MANY FELT THAT ALTHOUGH THE ISSUE REQUIRED CLOSE STUDY, IT HAD BEEN STALEMATED TOO LONG. THOMPSON OPINED THAT THERE WAS DANGER THAT THE PROLONGED STALEMATE WOULD CREATE POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN BELIZE AND GUATEMALA. HE THOUGHT THAT MEXICO COULD PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE SETTLEMENT OF THE BELIZE QUESTION BY EXERCISING A MODERATING INFLUENCE ON GUATEMALA. MR. ROGERS FOUND IT INTERESTING THAT CUBA WAS SUPPORTING THE BELIZEAN POSITION AND WONDERED WHY. ONE MIGHT HAVE PRESUMED THAT CUBA WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED GUATEMALA. THOMPSON THOUGHT THE REASON WAS IDEOLOGICAL SINCE THE CUBANS DID NOT THINK VERY MUCH OF THE CURRENT GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT. VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ WAS ON RECORD AS SUPPORTING GUATEMALA'S CLAIM IN BELIZE. THOMPSON DID NOT THINK WE SHOULD PLAY A ROLE AT THIS TIME.

3. ALTHOUGH THOMPSON SAID HE HAD NO PROOF, HIS INSTINCT WAS THAT THE COUP IN LIMA WAS PREEMPTIVE.

4. THOMPSON RAISED THE QUESTION OF US SUPPORT FOR KINGSTON AS THE SITE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED RESOURCES AUTHORITY. ROGERS REPLIED THAT WE WERE STILL STUDYING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER WE COULD DISCUSS THE US POSITION DIRECTLY WITH THE UNDECIDEDS.

5. THOMPSON INQUIRED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING BULK IMPORT FINANCING. ROGERS INFORMED HIM THAT THE CHANCES FOR SUCH FINANCING WERE REMOTE. KISSINGER

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